



## **Fiscal Year (FY) 2010 Freight Rail Security Grant Program (FRSGP) Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)**

### **1. What is the purpose of the FY 2010 FRSGP?**

In Fiscal Year (FY) 2010, the FRSGP will fund freight railroad carriers and owners and offerors of railroad cars to protect critical surface transportation infrastructure from acts of terrorism, major disasters and other emergencies.

### **2. How much funding is available under the FY 2010 FRSGP?**

The total amount of funds distributed under the FY 2010 FRSGP will be \$15,000,000.

### **3. What are the priorities for the FY 2010 FRSGP?**

The funding priorities for the FY 2010 FRSGP reflect the Department's overall investment strategy as well as requirements of the *Implementing Recommendations of the 9/11 Commission Act of 2007* (Public Law 110-53) (the 9/11 Act), including:

- Global Positioning System (GPS) tracking
- Vulnerability Assessments and Security Plans
- Security training and exercises for frontline railroad employees
- Infrastructure hardening on rail bridges spanning the Western River System

### **4. Who is eligible to apply for FY 2010 FRSGP funds?**

Eligible applicants for the FY 2010 FRSGP are determined by DHS as Class I, II and III freight railroad carriers that transport Rail Security-Sensitive Materials (RSSM) and owners and offerors of railroad cars that transport toxic inhalation hazardous (TIH) materials. For the purposes of this grant program, offerors are entities that lease rail cars in order to ship materials poisonous by inhalation/TIH materials by railroad.

As designated by the Surface Transportation Board, a Class I railroad carrier is defined as a railroad with annual operating revenues for 2005 of over \$319.2 million; a Class II railroad carrier is defined as a railroad with annual operating revenues of between \$25.5 million and \$319.2 million; and a Class III railroad carrier is defined as a railroad with annual operating revenues of less than \$25.5 million.

Class I, II and III freight railroad carriers must also meet the following criteria in order to be eligible:

- They must transport RSSM. RSSM is defined in 49 CFR Part 1580.100 B as: (1) A rail car containing more than 2,268 kg (5,000 lbs) of a Division 1.1, 1.2, or 1.3 (explosive) material, as defined in 49 CFR 173.50; (2) A tank car containing a material poisonous by inhalation as defined in 49 CFR 171.8, including anhydrous ammonia, Division 2.3 gases poisonous by inhalation as set forth in 49 CFR 173.115(c), and Division 6.1 liquids meeting the defining criteria in 49 CFR 173.132(a)(1)(iii) and assigned to hazard zone A or hazard zone B in accordance with 49 CFR 173.133(a), excluding residue quantities of these materials; and (3) A rail car containing a highway route-controlled quantity of a Class 7 (radioactive) material, as defined in 49 CFR 173.403.
- They must operate in or through a high threat urban area, as subject to the forthcoming "Rail Transportation Security Final Rule," and as identified in Table 1 of the FY 2010 Freight Rail Security Grant Program Guidance and Application Kit.
- They must certify that they have developed and adhere to a vulnerability assessment and security plan that conforms to the requirements of 49 CFR 172.802.

Owners and offerors of railroad cars must meet the following criteria in order to be eligible:

- The railroad cars must transport rail TIH. For the purpose of this grant, TIH is defined as: a tank car containing a material poisonous by inhalation, as defined in 49 CFR 171.8, including anhydrous ammonia but excluding residue quantities of these materials.
- Travel from, to or through a High Threat Urban Areas (HTUA).

## **5. What are the key milestones associated with the FY 2010 FRSGP?**

The key milestones associated with FRSGP are:

- December 8, 2009: FRSGP Grant Guidance and Application Kit released
- February 12, 2010: Applications due to DHS-FEMA

## **6. How will the FY 2010 FRSGP funds be allocated?**

Applicants will be selected through a competitive process based on their ability to respond to program priorities, including vulnerability assessments and security plans, training to frontline personnel, security-related exercises, GPS tracking on railroad cars, and infrastructure hardening on rail bridges spanning the Western River System.

## **7. What legislation authorized funding for the FY 2010 FRSGP?**

The *Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act, 2010* (Public Law 111-83) provided funding for this program.

**8. Where is the FY 2010 FRSGP Guidance and Application Kit located?**

The FY 2010 FRSGP Guidance and Application Kit is located online at <http://www.fema.gov/grants> as well as on <http://www.grants.gov>.

**9. How will the FY 2010 FRSGP applications be submitted?**

Completed applications must be submitted no later than 11:59 p.m. EST, February 12, 2010. Eligible applicants must apply for funding through the Grants.gov portal, accessible on the Internet at <http://www.grants.gov>. Applicants in need of Grants.gov support should contact the Grants.gov customer support hotline at (800) 518-4726. If applicants have any questions regarding the application process, they should contact the FEMA Grant Programs Directorate Call Center at (866) 927-5646.

**10. What other resources are available to address programmatic, technical and financial questions?**

- For additional program-specific information, please contact the Centralized Scheduling and Information Desk (CSID) help line at (800) 368-6498 or [askcsid@dhs.gov](mailto:askcsid@dhs.gov). CSID hours of operation are from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. EST, Monday through Friday.
- For financial-related questions, including pre-and post-award administration and technical assistance, applicants may contact the FEMA Grant Programs Directorate Call Center at (866) 927-5646 or via e-mail to [ASK-GMD@dhs.gov](mailto:ASK-GMD@dhs.gov).

**11. What is the FY 2010 FRSGP period of performance?**

The period of performance of this grant is 36 months.